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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the **CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION** on page 1, lines 1-6, as follows:

This application is a divisional of U.S. application no. 09/687,360 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,617,143), filed on October 13, 2000, and claims the benefit of US Provisional application nos. 60/166,539, filed November 18, 1999, and 60/160,903, filed October 22, 1999, and priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 of Danish application Nos. PA 1999 01501, filed October 10, 1999, and PA 1999 01641, filed November 15, 1999, the contents of which are fully incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend the specification on page 35, lines 23-30, as follows:

PCR primers:

gt-1: 5'-GGI GAY ATI CCI ATH TAY RTI GS-3' (SEQ ID NO:3)

gt-5: 5'-RTT RTC RTG IGT ICC IGT RTA-3' (SEQ ID NO:4)

I = inosine

R = A or G

Y = C or T

H = A or T or C

S = G or C

Please amend the specification on page 37, lines 9-18, as follows:

primers:

ruben-Nco: PCR primer (forward) for amplification of the *Thermus rubens* glucanotransferase gene. Underlined nucleotides introduce the *Nco* I site:

5'-GCGCCATGGAACTCCAACGCGCTTTTG-3' (SEQ ID NO:5)

ruben-Xba: PCR primer (reverse) for amplification of the *Thermus rubens* glucanotransferase gene. Underlined nucleotides introduce the *Xba* I site:

5'-GCGTCTAGATCAAGCGCGCTGGCTGGCCTC-3' (SEQ ID NO:6)